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In re U.S. Patent Application of)

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, the period for response to which is set to expire on April 10, 2003.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the continuing prosecution of Invention I, drawn to a liquid crystal display device, without traverse. Claims 1 through 4 and new claim 9 pertain to the elected invention, wherein claim 1 is believed generic to all the species of the above identified Invention.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the remaining claims by replacing claims 1 and 4, with the following corresponding replacement claims:

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1. A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
 - a first [,] housing;
 - a second housing;
 - a third housing;